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**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Please insert on Page 1 as the first sentence of the application the following:

- - This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial  
No. 09/786,256, now U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued  
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Please substitute the attached SEQUENCE LISTING (numbered pages 1-28) for  
the sequence listing (18 sheets) as originally filed.

On pages 9 - 10 of the specification, please substitute the following paragraphs in the "Brief Description of the Drawings" for the paragraphs of lines 30-35 of page 9 through lines 1-3 of page 10 in the specification. A mark-up showing the changes requested is shown.

- - Fig. 1 shows a base sequence of a DNA (SEQ ID NO:29) encoding a protein belonging to an ADAM family of the present invention, the specific coding region (bp 55-2379; SEQ ID NO: 16) and an amino acid sequence encoded by it (SEQ ID NO:15) (continued to Fig. 2).

Fig. 2 shows a base sequence of a DNA encoding a protein belonging to an ADAM family of the present invention and an amino acid sequence encoded by it (continued from Fig. 1)

Fig. 3 shows a base sequence of a DNA (SEQ ID NO:31) encoding a protein belonging to an ADAM family of the present invention, the specific coding region (bp 55-2379; SEQ ID NO: 16) and an amino acid sequence encoded by it (SEQ ID NO:15) (continued to Fig. 4). - -